

Remarks

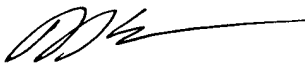
Examining attorney required restriction between Group I and Group II, noting that claim 12 does not require the "bottom side output shaft common to both compartments" as required in claim 1 of Group I. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner. Claim 12 recites "a coffee bean container with a bottom-side output shaft; ...the coffee bean container having at least two compartments, each having an output into the output shaft;" The bottom side output shaft of claim 12 has outputs from each of the compartments, and as such recites the same structure as claim 1.

Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn. Applicant provisionally elects Group I in case the restriction is not withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to pass this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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